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SUMMARY

NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS WERE REPORTED AS OIL COMPANIES AND OIL GOVTS MANEUVERED TOWARD POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. ON THE EASTERN FRONT -- THE PERSIAN GULF -- A CONSORTIUM COMPANY TEAM OPENED "DISCUSSIONS" WITH COMMITTEE REPRESENTING OPEC GULF GOVTS. ANOTHER MEETING IS SCHECULED FOR THURSDAY AND ITS RESULTS MAY BE REVIEWED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL OPEC MEETING MONDAY. ON THE WESTERN FRONT -- NORTH AFRICA -- ALGERIA RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AND LIBYAN DEPUTY PRIMIN JALLUD RESUMED CHARGE OF TALKS WITH THE INDEPENDENTS, GIVING OCCIDENTAL UNTIL JANUARY 24 TO RESPOND TO THE GOVT'S DEMANDS. UNDER SECRETARY IRWIN ARRIVED IN KUWAIT FTER TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

1. UNDER SECRETARY IRWIN

THE UNDER SECRETARY ARRVED IN KUWAIT LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON AFTER TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AT THIS WRITING NO INFO WAS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS. THE UNDER SECRETARY NOW IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE KUWAIT THURSDAY AFTERNOON FOR TUNIS -- POSSIBLY STOPPING BRIEFLY IN LIBYA -- AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

2. EASTERN FRONT: PERSIAN GULF STATES

IN TEHRAN A TWO-MAN CONSORTIUM COMPANY TEAM OPENED "DISCUSSIONS" (NOT "NEGOTIATIONS") WITH AN IRAN-IRAQ-SAUDI ARABIAN COMMITTEE REPRESENTING OPEC PERSIAN GULF GOVTS ONLY. THE TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME THURSDAY, ACCORDING TO A POST-MEETING STATEMENT, WHICH ALSO INDICATED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF OPEC SCHEDULED FOR TEHRAN SATURDAY MAY BE POSTPONED TO MONDAY, JANUARY 25, DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF THE THURSDAY MEETING. NO SOLID INFO ON THE TALKS WAS AVAILABLE AT THIS WRITING, BUT IN A PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH AMB MACARTHUR THE CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NOT COME WITH NEGOTIATION POWERS AND STILL PREFERRED THAT NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDE ALL OPEC MEMBER, PERHAPS IN PARALLEL NORTH AFRICAN AND GULF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.

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3. LIBYA: JALLUD RETURNS:

LIBYAN DEPUTY PR[redacted] JALLUD, WHO HAD BEEN CONSULTING IN ALGERIA FOR SEVE[redacted] DAYS, RETURNED MONDAY AND GAVE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COM[redacted] AS LARGEST INDEPENDENT OIL PRODUCER, UNTIL SUNDAY, [redacted]RY 24, TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AS PART OF THE INDUSTR[redacted] UNITED FRONT.

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[redacted] WITH JALLUD BACK, EVENTS IN LIBYA MAY PICK UP STEAM. WHILE IN ALGERIA JALLUD REPORTEDLY VOICED DEFIANCE, TELLING [redacted] HE TOTALLY REJECTED THE OIL INDUSTRY'S LETTER CALLING FOR INDUSTRY NEGOTIATIONS WITH OPEC AS A WHOLE. B1

4. ALGERIAN ATTITUDE:

ALTHOUGH ALGERIA HAS PUBLICLY MADE COMMON CAUSE WITH LIBYA IN OIL MATTERS, ITS OWN NEGOTATIONS WITH FRANCE APPEAR TO HAVE DROPPED TO A FAIRLY LOW KEY, WITH SPECULATION IN THE PRESS THAT THEY WILL BE IN EFFECT SHELVED UNTIL SOME AGREEMENT (OR FAILURE TO AGREE) IS WORKED OUT ELSEWHERE.

5. VENEZUELAN, AND INDONESIAN ATTITUDES:

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6. JAPANESE REACTION TO CRISIS:

THE GOJ, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY JAPAN, IS TAKING A "CAUTIOUS

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ATTITUDE TOWARD INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION [redacted] B1

[redacted] THE GOU WILL "REVIEW THE SITUATION" AFTER A REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON THE OECD MEETING IN PARIS, WHICH TAKES PLACE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

7. OIL TANKER PLANS:

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NO OTHER COMPANIES ARE KNOWN TO HAVE SUCH PLANS BUT IT WOULD SEEM LIKELY THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THE MATTER SOME THOUGHT. ROGERS

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